

## Message Text

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FM USLO RIYADH  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 559

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 530 VICE 559)

AMBASSADOR WEST SENDS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, MOPS, LE  
SUBJECT: ERUPTION OF FIGHTING IN BEIRUT

REFS A) STATE 167997, B) STATE 167957

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS, I SECURED AN APPOINTMENT IN RIYADH WITH FOMIN SAUD AND DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE PRINCE TURKI AT 1 P.M. TODAY LOCAL TIME, AND DELIVERED CONTENTS OF REFTELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS.
2. PRINCE SAUD, AFTER REFERRING TO REPORTS IN HIS OFFICE, REPORTED THAT A CEASEFIRE HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 10 P.M. LOCAL TIME BEIRUT, 2 JULY. CASUALTIES REPORTED TO BE 22 DEAD.
3. HE STATED THAT CONTACTS WERE BEING CARRIED ON AT HIGHEST LEVELS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF SYRIA AND LEBANON. THE SITUATION IS STILL DANGEROUS.
4. HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DO ANYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST USG EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND STATED THAT SAG AMBASSADOR HAD MET WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY,

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2 JULY, 1978. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THEY KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH TO AVOID TIME LAG IN COMMUNICATIONS ON PROBLEMS AS THEY AROSE.

5. IN PARTISAN NOTE, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT EXTREME PRESSURE BEING PLACED ON LEBANESE GOVERNMENT BY PHALANGISTS, PARTICULARLY THEIR INSISTENCE ON RETAINING IN ARMED

FORCES TWO GENERALS IN SOUTH WHO WERE SYMPATHETIC WITH  
ISRAEL.

6. OTHER TOPICS COVERED WILL BE COVERED IN SEPTTEL.  
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